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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-35: (Cancelled).

36. (Currently Amended) An optical information recording medium, comprising: a substrate layer and

a first reflective layer on the substrate, wherein the first reflective layer comprises a silver base alloy; and wherein the silver base alloy comprises 0.005 to <u>0.4</u> 10 atom % of bismuth.

- 37. (Cancelled)
- 38. (Cancelled)
- 39. (Previously Presented) The optical information recording medium of Claim 36, wherein the first reflective layer is highly reflective.
- 40. (Currently Amended) The optical information recording medium of Claim 36, further comprising a second reflective layer on the substrate, wherein the second reflective layer comprises a silver base alloy; and wherein the silver base alloy comprises 0.005 to 0.4 to 0.4 atom % of bismuth,

wherein the first reflective layer is a semi-transmissive film.

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- 41. (Previously Presented) The optical information recording medium of Claim 36, wherein the first reflective layer is semi-transmissive.
- 42. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 36, wherein the first reflective layer further comprises 0.1 to 3 atom % in total amount of at least one element selected from the group consisting of Cu, Au, Rh, Pd and Pt.
 - 43 (New) An optical information recording medium, comprising:
 - a substrate and
- a first reflective layer on the substrate, wherein the first reflective layer comprises a silver base alloy;

and wherein the silver base alloy comprises 0.005 to 0.4 atom % of bismuth and 0.01 to 2 atom % in total amount of at least one rare earth metal element.

- 44. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 43, wherein the rare earth metal element is Nd.
- 45. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 43, wherein the first reflective layer is highly reflective.
- 46. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 43, wherein the first reflective layer is semi-transmissive.

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- 47. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 43, wherein the first reflective layer comprises 0.1 to 3 atom % in total of at least one element selected from the group consisting of Cu, Au, Rh, Pd and Pt.
- 48. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 40, wherein the second reflective layer comprises 0.1 to 3 atom % in total amount of at least one element selected from the group consisting of Cu, Au, Rh, Pd and Pt.
- 49. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 43, further comprising a second reflective layer on the substrate, wherein the second reflective layer comprises a silver base alloy; and wherein the silver base alloy comprises 0.005 to 0.4 atom % of bismuth and 0.01 to 2 atom % in total amount of at least one rare earth metal element, wherein the first reflective layer is a semi-transmissive film.
- 50. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 49, wherein the rare earth metal element is Nd.
- 51. (New) The optical information recording medium of Claim 49, wherein the second reflective layer comprises 0.1 to 3 atom % in total amount of at least one element selected from the group consisting of Cu, Au, Rh, Pd and Pt.